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1. VOICE OF FREEDOM (VOF) BROADCASTS

DURING AUGUST 18-31 REPORTING PERIOD VOF INCREASED EMPHASIS ON NVN'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS, CHARGING WAR POLICY BRINGS HARSH EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN, STANDARD OF LIVING FAR BELOW RVN'S AND NEAR ECONOMIC COLLAPSE. HELD POPULACE EXHAUSTED AND OFFICIAL CORRUPTION RIFE. YOUTH WANTS PEACEFUL LIFE, NOT SACRIFICES TO AMBITIONS OF PARTY. "COLLECTIVE OWNERSHIP" DEPRIVES TILLERS OF LAND AND REWARDS OF THEIR WORK. ALSO BORE DOWN ON HANOI'S

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DECEPTION OF OWN TROOPS IN SOUTH, LOW MORALE AND NOSTALGIA OF

NVA/VC. SAID GROWING NUMBERS OF "FREEDOM-SEEKERS" (RALLIERS) DISPLAY DISGUST WITH COMMUNIST PERPETUATION OF WAR POLICY. 23 AUG NEWS ANALYSIS SAID NVN INVASION SCHEME BEING FRUSTRATED BY MAJOR POWER DETENTE, SINO-SOVIET CONFLICT, NVN MANPOWER AND MATERIAL SHORTAGES, AND ANTI-COMMUNIST SPIRIT AND WILL OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE. 25 AUGUST INTERVIEW WITH RALLIER STRESSED THAT WARLIKE POLICY IS ANACHRONISTIC IN TODAY'S ERA OF WORLD PEACE. SECONDARY THEMES WERE CONTINUED COMMUNIST FRUSTRATION OF FULL CEASEFIRE EFFECTUATION AND EFFORT TO PERPETUATE NVA PRESENCE IN SOUTH BY ALLEGEDLY SENDING THOUSANDS OF BRIDES SOUTH FOR TROOPS. SENATORIAL ELECTIONS COVERED EXTENSIVELY ONLY FOR SHORT PERIOD AROUND POLLING DAY.

2. VTVN NATIONAL RADIO (AUDIBLE BY NVA IN SVN)

THEMES STRESSED BY VTVN DURING REPORTING PERIOD, IN DESCENDING ORDER OF FREQUENCY, WERE PARTIAL SENATE ELECTIONS AS MEANS CONSOLIDATE RVN AND FRUSTRATE COMMUNIST MACHINATIONS, WIDE RANGING GVN ACTIONS AND POLICIES PROMOTING RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, NUMEROUS INSTANCES INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOREIGN AID AND INVESTMENT IN RVN, AND SITUATION IN CAMBODIA AS CONTINUING EVIDENCE NVN'S NAKED AMBITIONS. COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS AND OTHER EXAMPLES OF HANOI'S AGGRESSION TREATED ON DAILY BASIS. COMMENTARIES FORCUSED ALSO ON NEWS OF SOVIET AND COMMUNIST CHINESE SHORTCOMINGS AND FAILURES. GVN'S SPECIAL TREATMENT OF VIETNAMESE STUDENTS VISITING FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES PLAYED UP ALMOST DAILY, WITH THEME STRESSED THAT STUDENTS OPTING TO RETURN TO SOUTH VIET-NAM WOULD FIND GOOD POSITIONS IN EVER MORE VIGOROUS HOMELAND.

3. VOA PROGRAMMING

VOA FEEDS FROM POST CONTINUED ROUNDUPS OF CEASEFIRE NEWS, GROWING FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN SVN, PROGRESSNIN RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, CAMBODIAN SITUATIONERS, SENATORIAL ELECTIONS, SVN PARTICIPATION IN 7TH ASIAN GAMES.
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